



Minutes Tempe Veterans Commission September 07, 2021

Minutes of the TEMPE VETERANS COMMISSION held on Tuesday, September 07, 6:00 p.m., via Microsoft Teams.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Jeremy Farr, Chair
Abe McCann, Vice-Chair
William "Bill" Blair
Michelle Loposky
Chantele Carr

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Celia Sadhu
William "Bill" Blair
Phillip Kraft
Alfred Trevino
Timothy Rogers

Staff Present:

Octavia Harris, Deputy Human Services Director
Terrisa Mays, Administrative Assistant II

Guests Present:

Donte Day, Arizona State University
Bianca Altamirano Kelly, Arizona State University

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Jeremy Farr called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of August 3, 2021 Minutes

Unable to review and approve minutes due to lack of quorum.

Agenda Item 5 – Chair's Remarks

Chair Jeremy Farr welcomed everyone and thanked commission members for their efforts and contributions.

Agenda Item 6 – Veterans Upward Bound Program - Donte Day, ASU & Bianca Altamirano Kelly, ASU

Donte Day and Bianca Altamirano Kelly share the benefits of the Veterans Upward Bound Program at Arizona State University. The program is designed to assist veterans navigate post secondary education. Students do not have to attend ASU to benefit from program resources which include academic coaching and connect students with the Pat Tillman Veterans Center. The Commission to assist with making veterans aware of the program.

Agenda Item 7 – Review and Update of Veteran Membership Program -Chair Jeremy Farr

Chair Jeremy Farr asks for Commission members to review assessment of deliverables, proposal, sample instruction and sample training for mentors. Staff to send documents to Commission members.

Agenda Item 8 – Review of E-Blast- Terrisa Mays, City of Tempe

Staff reviews E -blast content. COmmission to send suggestions

Agenda Item 8 – Veterans Supportive Employer Recognition - Octavia Harris, City of Tempe

Octavia Harris shares with the Commission that there are currently 18 veteran supportive employers in Tempe. Request from Councilmember Arredondo Savage to recognize employers. Octavia Harris asks Commission members to lead charge in selecting or designing a plaque to be given to veteran supportive employers. Staff shares samples of plaques. Commission members to provide feedback on samples by October.

Agenda Item 9 – Commission Member Updates/Announcements

No updates by Commission members.

Agenda Item 10 – Future Agenda Items – September 7, 2021

- Annual Report

Agenda Item 11 – Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Next meeting will be on October 5, 2021

Minutes Prepared by: Terrisa Mays

Reviewed by Octavia Harris

Jeremy Farr, Chair
Tempe Veterans Commission